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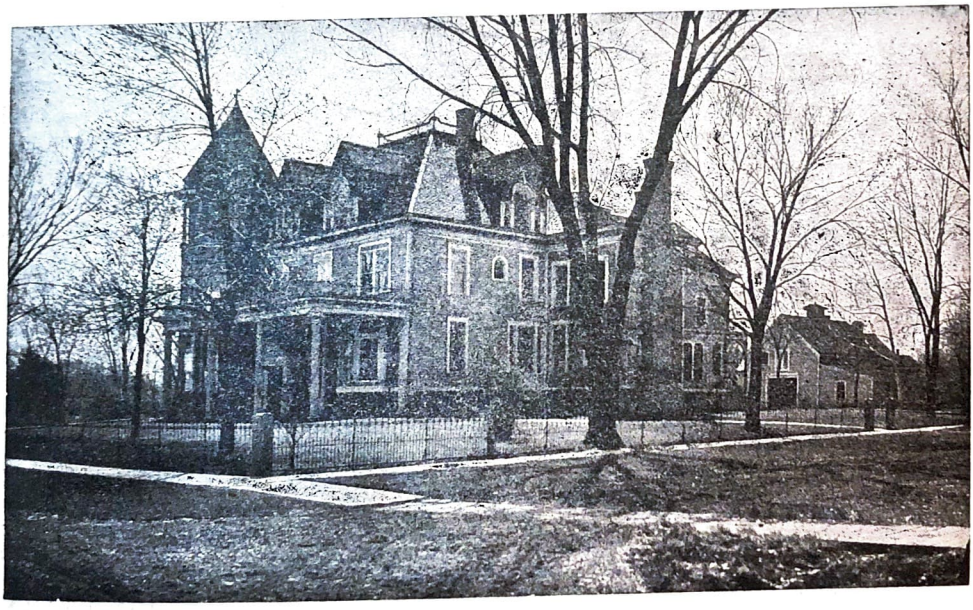
Central Baptist Orphanage

Central Baptist Orphanage has just moved to its new home at Maywood, Illinois, which was obtained some months ago from Mr. Edwin Norton in exchange for the Auburn Park property and a bonus of $12,000, of which about $3,000 were raised and paid, leaving a mortgage of $9,000 at 5 per cent interest.

Mrs. Jennie A Brabrook recently gave to the Orphanage thirteen lots and a nine

The officers of the Orphanage are Rev. M. W. Haynes, D. D., President; Revs. A. K. de Blois, LL. D. and John T.Christian, LL. D., Vice Presidents; Rev. James P. Thoms, LL. D., Secretary; Frank B. Pease, Esq., Treasurer.

Rev. Geo. A. Cressey, Morgan Park, Ill., has recently been appointed District Secretary for Illinois, who will visit churches and secure offerings for the Orphanage,



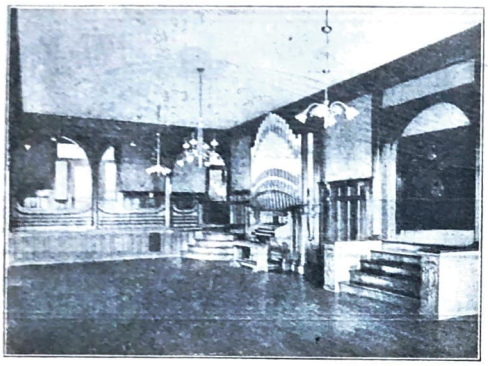
room house valued at $6,000, a block distant from the Norton Home. Mr. Norton held his property at $40,000 and generously gave $20,000 of that price to the Orphanage. Thus the nominal value of the Orphanage plant, with its furnishings, is $50,000.

It is hoped that friends interested in child-saving work will soon pay off the mortgage of $9,000 by gifts and legacies.

and find homes for orphan children.

The large Board of Lady Managers has in charge the domestic affairs of the Home, and are now seeking to furnish the rooms in the Orphanage. They raised $1,000 as their payment on the $3,000 to Mr. Norton in January.

The reception at the Orphanage on May 14th, at Maywood, was largely attended



The Reception Hall

by a delighted people. Everyone was pleased with the home, its equipment, its surroundings, its charming lawn for the children; and the homelike appearance of things. The ladies furnished an excellent luncheon for 25 cents, and capital addresses were delivered by Drs. de Blois, Haynes and Soares.

The Pastor's Message.

All interests are working together harmoniously and helpfully for the benefit of Raymond Chapel. Mr. Whitmore, on behalf of the Sunday School, reports $125.00 raised by the Fisher Mission Band, chiefly through the agency of the stereopticon lecture on Japan, given some weeks ago. The Benevolent Society, under Mrs. Williams' direction, took charge of the serving of the Men's League Banquet, and cleared $125 or more, which goes to the same good cause. The Endeavorers have just held a successful Silhouette Social, and are planning other enterprises for the raising of their thousand dollar pledge. The land and building on Poplar avenue now occupied by the Mission, have been sold to the South Park Commissioners for $2,760, so the equity which we secure amounts to $1,560, which is more than most of us expected would come to us from this source. Let us thank God with happy hearts for all these evidences of interest and progress.

But let us not forget that we have still the hardest sort of work ahead of us. The societies have much of planning and labor before them, to secure the balance of their subscriptions. Many individuals who did not happen to be present on the day the pledges were taken, have not contributed. It would greatly encourage the Mission Committee, and facilitate their work, if all these friends would seek out Mr. Wigney, or some member of the committee, and make their pledges voluntarily.

Before closing my message this morning I want to call especial attention to one branch of our work which needs a number of loyal and efficient helpers. It is the Sunday School. I wish that we could all fully realize the extent of our obligations and responsibilities in connection with the extension and development of this department of effort. It should be the business of the whole church to bulwark the Bible School in strength and vigor. But we know that too often "what is everybody's business is nobody's business." This, however is **your** business. Can you not, should you not, will you not realize this fact? Are not both parents, the father and the mother, responsible for the health, the growth, and the character of their boys and girls? Is not the entire church responsible for the care and training of its children and youth? The church is neither a big automatic machine nor a vague abstraction. The church is you and you, and you. If you shirk duty it means weakness all along the line. What our church most needs today is a sense of personal responsibility on the part of every member. The church should be more than a prayer-chamber, much more than a reception hall. It should be a work-shop, with a bench and a task for every member. It is. But some seats are vacant because the workers are loitering and chattering in the corridors. In the name of the Almighty God let us get to work!

"With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew;
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do."

Your Pastor,
Austen K. de Blois.

The Holy Name: The Matchless Christ

(Abstract of sermon preached Dec. 20, 1904, by the Pastor.)

Matt. 1:23. "They shall call his name Immanuel: which being interpreted is God with us."

Sometimes the earthly life of Jesus seems to be made up of bits and scraps. Take it in its individual relations. Yesterday he opened the eyes of a blind man. Today he takes his way to a solitary place and spends his time in meditation and in prayer. Tomorrow he will preach in the synagogue, and in the presence of the learned doctors of the law will hurl his terrible anathemas against some crying evil of the time. Thus he is physician, mystic, reformer, all in one. Take the life in its larger issues. Christ does not begin his public work until he is thirty years of age. He lays no elaborate plans, constructs no philosophical system, organizes no institution, creates no body of theology. After three brief years he is hanging on Calvary's cross, his life done, his labors ended, his enemies jubilant. How unsatisfactory and unproductive it all seems!

Yet John tells us of the Eternal Word who "was in the beginning with God" and who "was God". And Paul declares Christ to be "the same yesterday, today and forever." And in highest heaven the apocalypse reveals him as "the beginning and the ending." And he himself in the hour of his farewell, when the gloom of the passion had yielded to the glory of the resurrection, utters the fair promise, "I am with you alway." And the angel chorus echoes this testimony in the words, "This same Jesus." And after fifty generations of men have come and gone his life and teachings are received and acknowledged by whole nations of men as the harmonious and perfect revelation of God's Wisdom, Love and Power.

I. Consider the charm of the holy name, Immanuel. It opens to us the windows of heaven. It does more. "The heavens come down, our waiting souls to greet." We weary now and then of books and flowers, of art and song. The rarest scenes of earth pall on our view. We tire of the fairest climate. Sometimes the presence even of the truest friend is an intrusion. But the name of Jesus never fails to soothe and to inspire. Well may Augustine say, "My soul is restless till it find rest in thee," and Zinendorf, "I have only one passion, and that is Himself—Himself." All great souls have felt this charm. Shakespeare speaks of

". . . . . those holy fields
Over whose acres walked the blessed feet
Which fourteen hundred years ago were nailed
For our advantage to the bitter cross."

Renan's words have become famous: "Whatever may be the surprises of the future Jesus will never be surpassed." But for us who are Christians admiration and wonder expand into intense devotion, for there is none other name save that of Christ our Lord by which men can be saved. So it intertwines itself with all the sights and sounds of every day experience. In the light of stained glass windows in stately cathedrals, amid the solemn chants of surpliced choirs, with the multitudes at prayer around us, we have heard the holy name, we have seen him, "Immanuel". Looking out across the fields of living green to the village church embowered amid the elms and oaks, and listening to the happy chimes at evening time, we have seen him, "Immanuel." In our mother's eyes we have seen him, and in the face of the dying saint, and in the picture on the wall of the workingman's cottage, and on the trembling lips of the soul new-born in the Kingdom of God. He is the ideal Christ of fancy, the immanent Christ of nature, the heroic Christ of history, the shadow Christ of legend, the dream Christ of painting, poetry, and song.

Jesus is the transcendent name. It is redolent of hallowed deeds. It bears the perfumes of the ivory palaces, where the saints in glory are made glad. In that name is focussed all that human beings know of holiness, of purity, of peace and joy and power. God is with us. He reveals himself in One who toiled as we toil, who suffered as we suffer. In the outer life he had friends and enemies, as have we. In the inner life he knew soul-sorrow and soul-gladness, as do we. The charm of his name is inexplicable. He was called a Jew. He loved the Jewish people with a fervor of patriotic loyalty. Yet the outstanding char-

acteristics of the Jew, his pride and narrowness, yielded place to the simple heart and the broad and catholic mind. He was a teacher yet he had not gained his teachings in the schools. He was a preacher but he belonged to a new order; no traditions or formalisms choked the amazing freshness and vigor of his message. His age could not understand him, for he did not belong to his age alone, but to all ages. The Jew could not appreciate him, for he was the offspring of humanity. He was the rose amongst thorns, the lily rising from the stagnant pool, the well-spring in the wilderness, the tree of life upon the rocky heights. Though the earth and the heavens be dark the star shines in the eastern sky. Though the hills of Bethlehem be wrapped in solemn stillness the shepherds hear the chorus of an angel choir. Though the multitudes are sinful and diseased there is the glow of health and holiness upon the Mount of the Transfiguration. His coming is not an incident in history, but the crisis, the supreme event. He is earth's greatest, humanity's highest, heaven's best.

II. The title "Immanuel," however, suggests more than a sacred charm, more than the picture of a stainless life. It implies also a divine authority. He is "the chiefest among ten thousand" and "the one altogether lovely;" but he is also "the captain of our salvation." "God with us" is more than a sentiment, a beautiful ideal. Christ is a living person. He is king in the realm of the spirit. Reigning here he dominates and interpenetrates all life. Nathaniel's first astonished utterance in Christ's presence is the question: "Whence knowest thou me?" But a moment later admiration and mystery yield to a living burning faith as he exclaims: "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God"! When the person of Jesus appears before us in its strange humility and gracious majesty the first cry of our hearts is the wondering cry of Saul of Tarsus: "Who art thou, Lord?" but the second is the avowal of consecration: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" We must not only love and admire Jesus of Nazareth; we must also follow and obey our Master, Christ. He is friend and brother, but he is also Lord and King. He is intensely human, but he is through and through, above and beyond all others, the Holy One of God.

Prophets had foretold his coming as a king and ruler. The chosen people had waited for his advent as for that of the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. The world had longed for him, stretching its feeble hands into the darkness, as watchers in the silent midnight long for the golden dawn. When he begins his ministry at the age of twelve in the temple he at once wins the reverent attention of the wisest men in the nation. When in the sermon on the mount he declares the principles of his gospel the charm of his sweet and thrilling words is only equalled by the tone of quiet yet supreme authority which vibrates in every sentence and wings every word with power. This is not the Pharises' authority of the letter, but God's authority of the Person, the Spirit, the Life. Just before his crucifixion he makes a full spiritual revelation of himself, his divinity, the purpose of his gospel, the full meaning of his ministry of reconciliation, and his relations to the church and world of the future. The justification of all these claims to authority is found in the fact of the resurrection. He lived a perfect life, yet a life bound as are all men's lives by the law of defeat and death. He rose with the new life, and this rich and heavenly life he gives to all his followers without measure according to their need.

Christ is in us as a leader and controller of life. Remember the parables. He is a shepherd who goeth before his sheep, and they hear his voice and follow him. He is a nobleman calling his servants about him, assigning to them sums for investment and reckoning with them afterward. He is a householder, committing to his steward the care of his household during his absence. He is a king, making a marriage feast, sending forth his courtiers, first with his invitations and then with his commands. He is the master of a vineyard, sending his sons to go and work therein. How constant and unescapable is the emphasis upon the fact of Christ's authority. He is the Giver of Life, the Master of Men. Yet Christ's authority is above that of mere earthly knowledge. Some people try so to twist and paraphrase Christ's words that he becomes a political demagogue. Some seek to make him a teacher of sociology. Some link the Christian system of redemption with a pseudo idealistic philosophy and join this again to a scheme for the healing of bodily ills. Some make him a critical scholar with specific views of insipration. Some make him a prohibitionist, some a socialist, some an advocate of woman's suffrage, some an anti-secret-society advo-

cate. If there is any one thing that we need to learn in connection with the life and work of Christ it is that we have no right to blunt his appeal to us by an appeal to him on any subject which does not directly concern the welfare of the human soul. His one mission is to redeem that soul, his one revelation is that of God's Fatherhood in the spirit, his single and supreme authority is exerted within the realm of the spiritual life.

Christ makes no mistakes. Considering how many of his sayings have been preserved, is it not strange that he never once ventures into the realms of science, of history, of philosophy, of literature, even of theology as we understand it? And so, after 1900 years, there is nothing, not one jot or title, that we can change or correct, in the light of modern discovery or progress. Plato, certainly one of the wisest of the ancients, though an idealistic philosopher wanders off constantly into other realms than his own and in consequence the pages of his Dialogues teem with errors, some of which are ludicrous in the light of today's knowledge. But, though Jesus thus avoids without effort all specific questions over which the minds of men have been exercised, outside the sphere of morals and religion, no man ever exerted one tithe of his influence upon the intellectual life of man. This is due to the fact that Christ was the source of all truth as well as the source of all goodness. And he emphasized truth. Aristotle speaks of knowledge; Solomon speaks of knowledge; Bacon speaks of knowledge; Christ exalts truth as larger than mere knowledge, as beyond and beneath all knowledge, and, what is infinitely more important, he lived the truth, he became the truth. John dimly understood this when he exclaimed: "We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotton of the Father, full of grace and truth."

So, my brethren, in accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Master, we are binding ourselves into eternal fellowship with God. We are thus preparing the way for the victorious indwelling of that spirit of goodness and that spirit of truth which were incarnate in our Lord, and which are the sweet messengers from a better country, thrilling our souls with the remembrances of our Father's mercy, and urging us ever to nobler effort by the impulse of holy desire and a divine ambition.

The Church at Work

Sunday School

R. J. Pickett, Dept. Editor

Japan and Its People

On April 26th the Fisher Mission Band gave the first Raymond Mission Building Fund benefit. The popular subject, Japan and Its People, and the hard work of those who sold tickets persuaded a good audience to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Sueji Miyamori, natives of Japan, with the help of a stereopticon gave us an instructive evening. Mrs. Sueji Miyamori captivated her hearers by "singing very nicely," her instrumental music, cute ways and mannerisms.

The proceeds from the entertainment enabled Mr. Whitmore to send a check for $125.00 from the Fisher Mission Band to the Raymond Chapel Building Fund.

The Bible Classes

We, the Sunday School, are pleased to welcome the Men's League Bible Class back to our midst. We are not complete without them and they need the inspiration of meeting with the school, again we say, welcome. Every man in our congregation can easily be a member of this class. You are four miles distant six days in the week by the hour that this class opens and if you really want to study God's Word here is the opportunity.

Mr. Ahren's mixed adult Bible class still has the largest attendance of any of the Bible classes, with the Onward Class pushing them closely. The boys' record attendance Sunday morning is 35 which was reached May 22.

The baseball team has added to the membership materially a number of boys having joined the class in order that they might try for the team. The first game on their schedule was played and lost, May 30th, to the Standard Class of the Lexing-

ten Avenue Baptist Church. The score was 13 to 6, but when the untried and unseasoned condition of the team is considered, the class finds that the team is nothing to be ashamed of and wishes them better luck through the rest of the season.

Master Elliott Mason

On April 22nd Elliott Mason, one of Mrs. Tucker's class of boys, died of scarlet fever at the age of fourteen years. He has been a member of the school for several years and will be greatly missed from his accustomed place.

Calling on Absent Scholars

With the removal of Rev. F. C. W. Parker, the chairmanship of the calling committee was assumed by the secretary. Many of our teachers now visit their own scholars, when they are absent three consecutive Sundays, but where this is impossible, a committee consisting of consecrated people makes the calls for the teacher. This service has been well termed the most important in our church.

PICNIC, PICNIC, PICNIC!

Are you going to the annual church and Sunday School picnic which will be held at Jackson Park this year, with a view of getting more of the church, Sunday School and congregation together. For years we have made an annual pilgrimage into the country.. The teachers desiring to try a different plan decided some time since to go to one of the city parks and will endeavor to make the picnic a great success.

The date chosen by the committee, of which Mr. James Barron, is chairman, is June 25th, the first Saturday after the day-schools close.

There will be a ball game between the team of the Onward Class and one representing the Grace Congregational Church. both teams in full baseball uniforms. We feel safe in promising a good game to the lovers of baseball.

The chairman has the promise of a military display by the Illinois Naval Militia, of which organization our Mr. David Guest is an ensign.

The regular games and races that go to make up a picnic will be planned for and with fine weather it is hoped that all will come out and help the children have a good time.

The date is Saturday, June 25th and the place Jackson Park; we hope to see you all.

Ladies' Benevolent Society

Mrs. W. Morava, Dept. Editor

The records of our society during the month of May tell a story of strenuous work and great enthusiasm. At a special meeting called on April 30th it was voted that we pledge twelve hundred dollars toward the Raymond Mission Building Fund. Realizing that in order to raise this money we must improve every opportunity, we gladly assumed the responsibility of the League dinner. We endeavored by careful planning and hard work to serve a home-like dinner and have been assured that our efforts were successful. It is true some of us missed the feast of wit and wisdom that fell from the lips of the gifted after dinner speakers. But as a compensation we added about one hundred and twenty five dollars to our rapidly growing Raymond Chapel Fund. Mrs. Williams desires to express her most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed in any way—either in money, eatables or their services toward this dinner. Mrs. Marshall is chairman of a committee who are perfecting arrangements for a Bazaar to be held late in the Autumn or in the early Winter. To have Mrs. Marshall in charge means pronounced success. It has been suggested that during the summer months our ladies make their fingers accomplish great things for this Bazaar. We desire to have each one take a personal interest and either make, solicit or purchase neat, inexpensive, useful or ornamental things to contribute to this sale. It is suggested that the donators mark each article with the approximate cost-price and that they also suggest a reasonable selling value. The committee will not ratify extravagant charges. All contributions must be in no later than November the fifteenth.

Mr. Allen Spencer has kindly volunteered to give a musical for our benefit.

We certainly have reason to feel very thankful and hopeful.

Our interest in Raymond Chapel has not driven our regular work into the background. The meetings have been well attended. The reports from the various standing committees show much zealous work in the Master's name. The last meet-

ing of the season was held on May 20th. The next meeting will be on the first Friday in October when we hope to welcome a large number.

Women's Mission Circle

Mrs. L. B. Lingle, Dept. Editor

The May meeting of the Missionary circle was a gratifying one both in attendance and interest. Fifty-four were present which for these busy spring months is above the average. The study of China was continued. Miss Ellen Pickett personating a Chinese woman depicted a sorrowful life from childhood to age, and revealed the longing for a clearer light than their own teachings bring.

The three great religions of China were described in their origin and teachings, and Confusiansism, Buddhism and Mohammedanism were shown to fail to reach the need of heart and life. Miss Leila Ahrens through passages of scripture contrasted the cold moral teachings of these religions with the warm light of gospel truth and showed the one hope of all nations. The Circle appreciated the beautiful solo given by Miss Hubbard. The gift of a hundred dollars to the Women's Home Mission Society entitled the circle to four life memberships, and the following were chosen: Mrs. G. E. Dav, Mrs. B. Davies, Mrs. E. P. Bernch, Mrs. M. P. Lolman.

The May meeting of the Women's Mission Union held at the First Church, Englewood, was greatly enjoyed by all who were present. Fourteen of our Circle had this privilege. The report of the meetings in Omaha of the Society of the West inspired every one wit ha desire to share these good things at the next annual gathering.

Mrs. Ernest Clement of Japan interested all in her report of work in that land.

The next meeting of the Union on June fourteenth will be in the Evanston Church, corner Lake Ave. and Chicago Ave., Evanston.

Christian Endeavor

Miss E. M. Pickett, Dept. Editor

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do what ever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way and that just so far as I know how throughout my whole life I will endeavor to lead a Christian life. As an active member I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and take some part aside from singing, in every meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly Consecration Meeting, I will if possible, send an excuse for absence to the society."

I promise—

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that has gone out of my lips." Ps. 89:34.

We have lately made another promise, one that calls for self-denial and sacrifice. Now is the time to show our love for Christ in this effort that is surely guided by Him. It is an investment that will return large profits of the sort that cannot be lost, or consumed in a day. Raymond Chapel will bring great blessings with it, and the greatest pleasure for the givers who made it possible. "'Tis more blessed to give than to receive." We rejoice in the fact that so large a proportion of our whole pledge has come in as gifts and pledges. A committee appointed by the President has taken charge of the matter. Mr. Vallette, chairman; Mr. Hessler, Mr. Rhenisch, Miss Daisy Marx, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Pickett, and Miss McFadden. Do not leave the payment of your pledge until the last month, or until it is called for. Pay it as soon as possible thus saving work for others, and also encouraging the workers.

Friday evening, May 20th, the Saciety elected a nominating committee for the semi-annual election of officers. Mr. H. F. Perkins, Mr. J. A. Hessler, Miss E. M. Pickett, Mr. Rhenisch, and Miss Stowell will serve in this capacity. They report to the Society Friday evening, June 10th, when the election will take place.

The Missionary committe repeats its request for the payment of all pledges to the Chinese and Duffield Memorial Funds before the close of this term, June 30th.

The open air services began the first Monday evening in June. Let us all join heartily in this work and pray often and earnestly that it may bear fruit to the Glory of Christ. Mr. Cassius Williamson has charge of the work.

Baptist Young People's Union

The annual meting with the election of officers for the coming year of the Chicago Association of the B. Y. P. U. will be held Tuesday evening, June 14th., at 7:45 p. m. at the Immanuel Baptist Church, 23rd and Michigan Ave. The speaker for the evening is Dr. Spenser B. Meeser from Detroit, the convention city this year. A treat is expected and as many as possible should attend.

Amoret Henson Guild

Miss B. M. Harvey, Dept. Editor

The last Monday in May being Decoration Day, the regular Guild meeting was postponed until the following night. As it was the last meeting until September, there was no programme planned, but the supper committee provided an unusually dainty and inviting repast and the girls enjoyed the evening of good fellowship as usual.

There was a short business meeting at which Mrs. Marshall gave some suggestions as to how the Guild can be of service in the Fall Bazaar which is even now being planned for by the Ladies' Benevolent Society. The Guild's pledge of one hundred dollars toward the Raymond Mission Building Fund is practically provided for and the girls will be glad to do what they can in aiding the ladies in securing theirs. The remainder of the meeting was spent in talking of ways and means of improvement for our Fall work, which we nope is to be more successful than any we have done.

The Glee Club

This should have been the last rehearsal of the Glee Club but the girls have been asked to sing Children's Day, which necessitated another hour of practice.

Mr. Havens gave us a short organ recital, after our study hour, much to the delight of all the girls.

The Club sang three numbers at the Men's League banquet which the aduience seemed to enjoy quite as much as the girls did rendering them.

This part of our organization has been a delight to all the members of the Club and we wish to thank Mr. Havenc most sincerely for his kindly interest and help during this, the first year of our organization.

Young Ladies' Missionary Society

Miss E. G. Gale, Dept. Editor

On the afternoon of May 4th, the society met at the home of Miss May Fralick and accomplished much sewing for the hospital. Plans were discussed for the work next winter but nothing was definitely decided upon.

The last meeting of the year was held Wednesday afternoon, June 8th, at the home of Miss Helen Todd, 3370 South Park Avenue.

Boys' Club

A. R. Rhenisch, Dept. Editor

The Boys have met regularly each Saturday evening, for a social time. The past month has been a quiet one, in that the attendance has been somewhat small, which will probably continue during the summer from now on.

One new feature of our work that the boys enjoy very much is the physical work we have just started. Relay races are run in the hall, and in the same place we have a "Tug of War," each of which is looked forward to with great satisfaction.

Mr. Henry Chase has consented to assist at the meetings on Saturday evenings. We feel that he will be a good addition to our working force.

Mr. Embree will speak to the boys Saturday evening, June 11th.

Personal and Other Notes

The Chicago Baptist Hospital will hold the nurses graduating exercises in our church on Tuesday evening, June 14th, at 8 o'clock. Dr. de Blois will speak and an excellent program is assured. All are invited.

Miss Elizabeth Knight is spending a week in Boston previous to going to the Bradford commencement.

The sister of our Mr. Rhenisch has cut short her visit and gone to St. Louis for the summer. We are sorry she could not remain with us permanently.

We welcome Dr. and Mrs. Ketman home from their trip to Palestine.

Have you subscribed for Church Life. Give your summer address to Mr. Embree and the paper will keep you in touch with the church while you are away.

Miss Marie Hansen has gone to Dartford, Wisconsin for the summer.

Teacher's business meeting Monday evening, June 15th. Every teacher in our school is asked to be present.

Miss Clara Marshall will spend the summer in Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Pope leaves us the last of this month to attend a convention in New York and will then go to New Bedford, Mass. where he will spend part of the summer.

Mr. T. E. Donnelly and family have gone to Midlothian for the summer.

The family of Deacon Ahrens will leave the city soon for their summer home in Grand Haven.

Mrs. Clifford Williams has been missed from our services for a few days. On account of illness she has not been out. The family will go, as usual, to Waukeegan for the summer the last of this month.

Miss Mabel Parks and Mr. Nichols were united in marriage at the close of our prayer meeting May 18th. Dr. Day performed the ceremony.

Raymond Chapel

Charles H. Coyle. Dept. Editor

We were made glad last Sunday by having with us again our beloved Superintendent, Bro. Austermell, after an absence of three weeks on a business trip.

Miss Rhenisch, sister of our assitant superintendent, visited the Sunday School last Sunday and was cordially welcomed.

Bro. Embree is making a strenous fight against disorder in the Sunday School and is to be congratulated on making some headway. The cooperation of the teachers is being sought to remove this stigma altogether and if some of the early workers at the Mission will only visit us now they will receive a new impression of our school.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given at the Chapel, May 20th, conducted by Mrs. Wiltshire's class. The musical numbers were greatly enjoyed and Prof. Rogers thoroughly mystified the children by his feats of ventriloquism.

Supt. Austermell has presented a gold medal to be competed for by the members of the Girls Drill Corp. They have a "drill-down" at each meeting and the victor receives the medal. A girl winning it three successive times becomes the permanent owner of the medal. The girls drill every Saturday evening.

We invite all our friends to attend our Children's Day exercises Sunday afternoon, June 12th. Mr. Rhenisch, Mrs. Steele, Miss Orth and Miss Marx are working hard to have the children well taught in their parts.

Mr. Chas. Wiltshire's class has organized with Ruby Stith as president; Irene Banks, vice-pres.; Annie Giggle, sec'y.; Eva McIntyre, treasurer. The class maintains a Flower Fund for the comfort of the sick.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Carl Peterson. We trust she may soon me restored.

Mrs. Hickey, mother of three of our Sunday School scholars, Nellie, Florence and Hattie Hickey, died suddenly last Tuesday. We sorrow with them.

Another of whose illness we grieve to learn is Mrs. Geo. Carrothers, who as Miss Emma Ryder, was one of our most active and successful workers a few years ago. We pray she may soon be restored to her family.

The "building-brick" plan, described last month, for enabling the boys and girls to help along the new building is working very successfully. About $25.00 has been brought in so far and the "bricks," each bearing the contributor's name, are being added to the wall week by week until we shall soon have an attractive model of our new home on exhibition.

Brother Turrill preached at the Bethany Baptist Church Sunday evening, May 22nd, useing his chart to illustrate the sermon. Close attention was given as he unfolded the Pauline Gospel and great blessing is reported.

Every member of Raymond was filled with sorrow at the news of the inexpressibly sad accident that on May 4th cut short the life of Hiram D. Mason, aged 17 years; a member of the family so well known and loved by all. Their countless friends among our people sought in every way to show their love and heartfelt sympathy and none of the precious ministrations of friendship were omitted. But as always our God alone could give any real comfort and in spite of the sorrow that filled every heart very many received blessings and strengthened faith by beholding how God's hand upheld His own in this dreadful trial.

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An Opportunity for Growth

Good food, good air and exercise are essentials to normal physical development. Good food is of first and of most vital importance for it gives the power to breathe and work.

In the development of Christian character, knowledge of truth as it is in Christ, an atmosphere of prayer and active service for the Master are the essentials; and here also the food is of primary importance. Our Pastor's sermons on "Vital Questions in Christian Thought and Life" are green pastures of spiritual nourishment for growing Christians and our young people cannot afford to miss any one of them.

Your Home

A stranger attended our morning services recently and was given a seat near two of our members. At the close of the service the member on the left spoke to the stranger and extended a hearty welcome to our church home; turning to leave the pew another member was at hand with a similar welcome and the stranger began to feel at home. This is as it should be. The church is "your home" and you are the one to make people welcome.

No stranger would be allowed to visit your home without being greeted. Of your church home the same should be true. There is no danger of over doing this matter. Mr. Rockefeller was not far wrong in saying "our churches are not sociable enough". We never hear the complaint "too many people spoke to me." We cannot be too ready to receive strangers and make them love our church home.

The Open Air Services

On Monday evening a large company of workers gathered at the church for the first of the open air services. It was a good beginning. Dr. de Blois spoke to a great company of men and women who stopped to listen. A prize fight was in progress a few doors east of our meeting at the church door. It is safe to say that what the men heard as they passed did not add to their peace of mind at the prize fight for some of the faces showed that they had been made to think.

Next Monday, June 13, Dr. Burlingame of the Covenant Church will speak and a large meeing is expected. Come and help.

A Busy Man

Perhaps no Chicago Pastor has so many demands made on his time from outside interests as our Pastor. Although during the winter he makes it a rule to "turn

down'' almost all outside invitations, his position at the head of the great First Church of Chicago, makes it necessary for him to respond to important calls at other seasons. The editor was interested in asking him the other day about some of his recent engagements. He has spoken before the Pittsburg Baptist Social Union on ''Baptist Imperialism,'' before the Pittsburg City Mission Society on ''The Soul of a City,'' and at the semi-annual meeting of the Detroit Social Union on ''Taking Life Easy.'' He spoke also at the dedication of the new Maywood Orphanage on ''The Care of Childhood,'' and on ''Open Air Work'' before the South Side Endeavor Union. He recently gave two addresses at the University of Chicago and two also before the University of Illinois. He is engaged to give the Baccalaureate addresses at Northwestern and Kalamazoo colleges and several high schools.

Men's League Banquet

One of the chief social events of the year—perhaps the very chief event—is the annual banquet of the Men's League. It was held this year on Monday evening, May 23. From a literary, social, aesthetic, and culinary point of view it was a success. The Benevolent Society, with Mrs. Williams leading, prepared the banquet. It was a delicious feast of good things. The arrangement of the tables, the decorations, the service, were ne plus ultra. There were 190 people at the tables, which with all the ladies assisting, made up a total of 225. Dr. Soares gave an inspiring and witty address on ''Pleasant People—and Others.'' Dr. Lambert, of the South Park Avenue M. E. Church and Prof Shailer Mathews followed with earnest words of counsel and wisdom.

A chief feature of the evening's entertainment was the delightful singing of the Girl's Glee Club, under Prof. Harens' direction, which was encored again and again, and the appearance of the new Men's League Quartette, which was enthusiastically received. Many said when the banquet closed: ''It is the best we have ever held.''

The officers for the coming year were elected. Mr. Barron is president. The full list of officers will be given next month.

History of the Church

The fourth chapter of the History of the Church is delayed by the absence from the city of the writer, Deacon Goodman. We substitute this month the abstract of the sermon by the Pastor.

The Building Fund

It is imperative that we have all the cash in hand that is promised for we must have $5,000.00 before we can start to build. Mr. Wigney, 3105 Indiana would be glad to receive all subscriptions that can be paid at once. Children's Day would be a good time to visit Raymond. It is the last opportunity you will have to see us in the old building.

Base Ball

June 4th, at Washington Park, the Onward Class base ball team defeated the boys from Belden Avenue Baptist Church. A feature of the game was the fine pitching of John Burns for the Onward Class.

Score by innings:

Onward Class	5	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	12
Belden Avenue	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	4

The Onward Class plays Calvary Baptist on Saturday, June 11th. If you are in the park, hunt up the First Church boys.

The Journal of the Church

H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk

May 1. Sunday. The Pastor preached in the morning on "Our Master and Our Church" and followed this with an appeal for the Raymond Mission Building Fund. In the evening the topic was "American Virtues: Christ's Judgment."

May 2. Monday. Social meeting of the Onward Class.

May 4. Wednesday. Monthly missionary prayer meeting.

May 6. Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Miss Harvey. Topic: "Answered Prayers." Acts 4:23-31.

May 7. Saturday. Boy's Club.

May 8. Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor, morning: "What is Christianity?" evening: "The American City: Christ's Redemption."

May 9. Monday. The Onward Class was entertained by Mr. Frank Suter. Social meeting of the Sunday School teachers.

May 11. Wednesday. Church Prayer and Social service. Topic: "The Sufferings of Christ in our Behalf." Isa. 53.

May 13. Friday. Meeting of the Women's Missionary Circle. The religions of China were studied.

Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Miss Frances Googins. Topic: "What Joseph and Benjamin teach about brotherly care." Gen. 43:29-31; 34; 45:14-22.

May 14. Saturday. Meeting of the Boy's Club.

May 15. Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached on the topic, "Who is Jesus Christ?"; and in the evening on "The American People: Are we an Elect Nation?"

May 16. Monday. Social meeting of the Onward Class.

May 18. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service led by Ass't. Pastor Embree. Topic: "The Presence of God. Luke 24:13-33.

May 20. Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting led by Miss Helen Pickett. The work of the Publication Society was presented by some of the members.

May 21. Saturday Boy's Club.

May 22. Sunday. In the morning the Pastor gave "A Personal Word" and in the evening the topic was "The Love of God in Christ"

May 23. Monday. Annual banquet and ladies' night of the Men's League. Social meeting of the Onward Class.

May 25. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. The book of Amos was studied.

May 26. Thursday. Social meeting of Bible Class C.

May 27. Friday. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. Perkins. Topic: "False and True Ambitions." Math. 20:21-28.

May 28. Saturday. Boy's Club.

May 29. Sunday. In the morning the Abraham Lincoln Post No. 91 of the G. A. R. worshiped with us and the pastor preached a sermon suited to the occasion. In the evening Ass't. Pastor Embree preached on "Heroes of To-day."

May 30. Monday. Social meeting of the Onward Class.

May 31. Monthly meeting of the Amoret Hensen Guild.

Changes in Membership

Additions.

By Baptism:

Gordon Fowler, 3806 Ellis Ave.

Miss Matie Lane, 1037 W. Taylor St.

By Letter:

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fowler, 3806 Ellis Ave.

Miss Etta Pacius, 3705 Union Ave.

Mrs. F. E. Hinckley,

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Embree, 3256 Union Ave.

By Restoration:

Mr. Frank Moody, 7336 Evans Ave.

Diminutions.

By Letter:

Miss Alice Duffield, Miss Grace Duffield, Mr. Frank Moody, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. W. Parker.